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AFSPC names airmen of the year

By Airman 1st Class
Shane Sharp
21st SW Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command named its Outstanding Airmen of the Year during a banquet April 19 at the enlisted club, during which all nominees were recognized for their outstanding career performance.

Nominees, and their friends and family members, enjoyed dinner and music, and a message about what it takes to be a winner from guest speaker, retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor, the fifth chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Gen. Ed Eberhart, AFSPC commander, was also on hand to laud the nominees and winners for their accomplishments.

"Congratulations to each one of you for being selected one of the Air Force Space Command's Outstanding Airmen of the Year," said General Eberhart. "We are proud to recognize you as the 'best of the best'."

"Tonight we honor winners and nominees. But most of all, we honor the backbone of our Air Force, our enlisted corps," added Eberhart.

Gaylor spoke to nominees and guests about the attitude of success. Posing several questions, he used the answers to outline some winner attributes.

Winners are happy, believes Gaylor. They wake up in the morning ready for the day with a zest for life.

They enjoy change, something new and other people's points of view, he added. Winners also bring excitement to their career.

According to Gaylor, successful people aren't just worried about themselves.

"Do you agree, the more good things you do for others, the more good things happen to you?" asked Gaylor. "Winners are willing to share and do things for others."

Gaylor went on to talk about attitude, emphasizing that everyone has the opportunity to decide how to look at life.

"The greatest power that you and I have is the power to choose how we react to things we have no control over," said Gaylor.

According to Gaylor, a winner isn't really a winner without one important thing.

"Laughter is the sunshine of the soul," said Gaylor. "Winners have the knowledge to not take themselves too seriously."

The banquet also included various presentations, some of which were right in line with Gaylor's advice on laughter.



Photos by Eugene Chavez

Four of the Air Force Space Command Outstanding Airmen of the Year pose for a photo with Gen. Ed Eberhart, AFSPC commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, AFSPC command chief master sergeant, during the OAY banquet April 19 at the enlisted club. From left to right are Eberhart, Senior Master Sgt. Terry S. Brown, Master Sgt. Steven G. Callon, Master Sgt. Thomas DeVille Jr., Staff Sgt. Jason R. Rauther and Estrem.

The night began with a bit of a comical crisis. "Tech. Sgt. Ironman," an uninvited guest clad in a silver space suit, played by Staff Sgt. Scott Glassic, 21st Security Forces Squadron, informed the crowd in a robotic voice that he had kidnapped the masters of ceremonies. His plans to take over the event were foiled, however, when sirens blared and security carried him off the stage.

With the crisis averted, MCs Senior Airman Jodi Glassic and Master Sgt. Robert Brooks, showed up, shedding the ropes that had held them captive.

AFSPC's outstanding airmen nominees were introduced and joined the banquet amid a mix of music, cheers, applause and an occasional car alarm. Eberhart and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, AFSPC command chief master sergeant, greeted the nominees and their spouses as they entered.

Before dinner, nominees and guests took a moment to remember American service members still missing in action or considered prisoners of war. Airman 1st Class Kristin Sharp, HQ AFSPC Communications Support Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Chuck Starr, HQ AFSPC History office, explained the symbolism of the MIA/POW table set in the ballroom.

Guests enjoyed dinner with musical entertainment from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies Wild Blue Country.

The AFSPC Outstanding Airmen of the Year will now compete for the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year



Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor speaks to nominees and guests at the banquet.

AFSPC Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2000

First Sergeant: Senior Master

Sgt. Terry S. Brown, Space

Warfare Center, Schriever AFB

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Steven

G. Callon, 821st Medical

Operations Flight, Buckley AFB

NCO: Master Sgt. Thomas DeVille

Jr., 90th Civil Engineer Squadron,

F.E. Warren AFB

Airman: Staff Sgt. Jason R.

Rauther, 341st Logistics Support

Squadron, Malmstrom AFB

IMA: Senior Master Sgt. Gerald J.

Delebreau, 45th Security Forces

Squadron, Patrick AFB

Message from the 21st Space Wing commander

On Monday we had our first town meeting for base residents. For me it was a great opportunity to get feedback from our community members. As you saw in the briefings, there is a lot of activity planned for Peterson, from laying new sewer lines in base housing to a new Youth Center addition being started in the next few months. Although all these changes may be a bit painful during the construction phase, the benefits will be well worth it in the end.

Once again, I have been on the road visiting our units. Last week I was at Eglin AFB, Fla., with members of the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron, including members of our Guardian Challenge team. Everyone at the 20th is working hard and their Guardian Challenge team is ready to bring home the trophy.

Yesterday, I returned from the 10th Space Warning Squadron at Cavalier AFS in North Dakota. The visit went great. I had a chance to meet with the team and experience their outstanding sense of mission. I also met with members of the Grand Forks community and spoke with them about our wing, the future of Air Force Space missions and how we are working towards aerospace force integration.

As we move into summer, we can expect the pace around Peterson and the 21st Space Wing to pick up. Here's a few things on the horizon: we have an exercise scheduled for next week, the Guardian Challenge competition at Vandenberg AFB is two weeks away, we're supporting the Academy graduation at the end of May and then we will prepare to support CORONA in June. I want to thank everyone for their continued dedication to getting our mission accomplished and ask you to stay focused as we begin to see our busy summer unfold.

Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler
21st Space Wing commander

Thank you to Peterson people

I would like to thank all of those persons who visited and helped me during my son's (Master Sgt. Ronald Williams) recent illness. All of the assistance and company was very much appreciated. A very special thanks is given to Chief Master Sgt. Andrew Laning, Master Sgt. Debbie Helle, Senior Master Sgt. Mitch Stippel and his wife Marjorie, Sgt. Mike "Rok" Wallman, and Ernie and Carol Soto. Master Sgt. Suzanne Ogden gets extra thanks. In addition to escorting Ronnie to his final resting place in California, she was very helpful to my wife and myself, ensuring Ronnie's elder-

ly relatives were able to participate at his funeral.

I was looking at all the signatures in the visitors book register and recognized so many of the names. Thank you all for coming by the apartment and for attending the memorial service. I wish I could thank each and every one of you personally, but this will have to do.

I now know what is meant by "the Air Force takes care of their own" and thanks again to my three special angels.

Ronald L. Williams (Dad)

Action line

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command. Action Lines can help make the Peterson Complex and the wing a better place to live and work.

Q. Can we get more parking spaces for handicapped at the BX?

A. Thank you for your question. As a result of your inquiry, we took a look at the number of handicapped parking spaces at the BX compared to the total number of parking spaces in the lots. There are 19 in the main lot and two in the rear employee parking area. This number meets, and actually exceeds, the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines, which require 19 in the main lot and 1 in the rear. Since the current situation meets the ADA guidelines, and because of existing congestion in the BX/commissary parking lots, we will not be adding any spaces at this time. If you have further questions, please call Daniel Yocum, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, at 556-1833.

Pharmacy vision 2001: It's all about you

By Maj. David Bobb
Pharmacy chief

With the "Graying of America," plus the introduction of newer medications to treat previously untreatable diseases and conditions, pharmaceutical services are more in demand by all military beneficiaries. There is also a national pharmacist shortage expected to exist for at least 7-10 years. This leads to a predicament -- pharmaceutical services are in high demand, but we have fewer pharmacists to meet that demand.

Here at the Peterson Air Force Base pharmacy, we have not escaped this crunch. Unfortunately this means long waiting times for you, and a lower level of service, which is not what you expect from an Air Force pharmacy. We are working on changes, though, that we believe will result in the Peterson pharmacy being the Air Force leader in pharmaceutical care. The issues are complex and varied, so I will break them down to explain what's being done to address the problems.

Prescription volume and personnel -- Through the first half of this fiscal year, Peterson pharmacy filled approximately 145,000 prescriptions with a staff of one pharmacist and eight technicians. At times, we filled more than 1,700 prescriptions in a single day. In fact, our average of 130 prescriptions per technician per day is well above the national average of 75 per technician per day.

This sheer volume has caused waiting times of one to two hours, in part because all prescriptions must be checked for accuracy and, if there are any questions about the prescription order, physicians or providers must be called for clarification. We know that prescription volume won't decrease. If anything, it will continue to grow.

The question then becomes how do we handle the workload? The simple answer to this problem is to get more pharmacists and technicians but, again, there is a shortage of Air Force pharmacists and technicians. To alleviate this situation, the 10th Medical Group executive

staff has authorized civilian technician over-hires. We are working to have these new people in place within 60 days. We anticipate that when this occurs, waiting times will decrease to a reasonable level.

Automation -- Another key to processing prescriptions faster is the use of technology. We are working to acquire a system that is fully integrated with CHCS to maintain patient medication profile accuracy. This system features automated tablet counting, bar code accuracy, and other safety features built in to ensure prescriptions are filled correctly every time. In essence, it takes the "human error factor" out of the filling process as much as possible, and it will enable us to fill prescriptions faster. Also, an automated message board in the waiting area will list a patient's name when his or her prescriptions are ready. We are reconfiguring our workflow to have two prescription drop-off windows and three pick-up windows, as well as exploring the possibility of a separate location for refill pick-up. This should eliminate the congestion and long lines currently experienced at the pharmacy. I anticipate our new automated prescription filling system to be in place within the next three to four months.

Telephones and telephone refill system -- One of the most common complaints we hear is patients continuously get a busy signal when calling the pharmacy. Contrary to popular belief, we do not take the phone off the hook during the day; it is just that busy. Currently, we only have one patient line coming into the pharmacy, but paperwork has been submitted to get additional phone lines or an answering and stacking device that will hold calls and allow us to answer them sequentially. It is expected this problem will be resolved in the next 45 to 60 days. Regarding the telephone refill system, quite frankly, it is not very good. It provides too much information and lately has been out of commission more than we would like. It appears the problem may be the increased volume of calls we have experienced recently

with the increased number of refills being processed through the system. The medical group is looking at replacing the present system with a new one that will not only process refills with less information needed, but will also have the capability to automatically call patients to remind them of appointments. I don't know exactly when it will be implemented, but it is being worked.

Volunteers -- God bless our volunteers, as I don't know what we would do without them. We currently have a staff of 28 exceptional, dedicated volunteers who contribute over 200 hours weekly to the pharmacy. As most of you know, these are the people who almost exclusively work the windows taking in and handing out prescriptions thereby allowing the "paid" pharmacy staff to concentrate on the prescription filling process. In addition, our volunteers do a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work, such as prepacking medications, which saves us countless hours each week. While 28 volunteers may seem like a large number, we can always use more. If you are interested in volunteering at the pharmacy please stop by, or call the Red Cross Volunteer Coordinator, Irmgard Cates at 556-7590.

As you can see, the Peterson pharmacy is currently experiencing some formidable challenges that hamper our ability to give you the level of service you desire. The explosive growth in the beneficiary population and prescription volume in the Pikes Peak Region has made things even more challenging for us. Once we have the new automation services and additional personnel, we will be able to meet the needs of our customers more efficiently.

Let me assure you that the entire 10th Medical Group is committed to doing what needs to be done to provide our patients the best pharmaceutical care possible. Watch for our improvements over the next few months, and, as always, if you have any comments, suggestions, or problems with the pharmacy, please call me at 556-1108.

Wing SFS team trains for Guardian Challenge

By Airman 1st Class Brian Hill
21st Public Affairs

The wing security forces Guardian Challenge 2001 team demonstrated its readiness to Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander, Col. Don Alston, wing vice commander, and wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler during a practice session at the U.S. Air Force Academy Monday.

The visit allowed the team to show the payoff all their hard work and training.

"I've been involved with Security Forces Competition teams at all levels for most of my career, and I have never seen a team gel as quickly and as well as this one," said Lt. Col. Michael Trapp, 21st Security Forces Squadron commander. "I see a team of warriors that is poised to win it all, and lead the charge to another Aldridge Trophy win!"

The visit also gave Kehler a chance to show his expertise with the 9mm and M-16.

"After watching General Kehler shoot, if we can get his obstacle course time down, he is on the team," said Trapp.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brian Hill

Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander (center), fires the M-16 with two members of the 21st Space Wing Security Forces Guardian Challenge 2001 competition team. The wing security forces team practices six days a week for the competition, slated for May 7-11 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

The competition, May 7-11 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., will have the six-member team (comprised of four primaries, one alternate and one coach) competing in weapons, tactics and an obstacle course.

This year's team includes Master

Sgt. Francis Stordalen, Senior Airman Gregory Wakeham and Airman 1st Class Kenneth Konkright, 821st SFS; Tech. Sgt. Timothy Winfree and Staff Sgt. Jeremy White, 21st SFS; and Airman 1st Class Rocky Laprade, 721st SFS.

"I think we have a pretty strong team this year," said Winfree, wing guardian challenge team coach.

"We're going out there to have a good time and hope to win the overall best security forces in space command."

Base issues addressed at town meeting

By Capt. Brenda Campbell
21st SW Public Affairs

Base housing residents heard a variety of briefings from 21 Space Wing senior leaders Monday night at the Town Meeting held at the enlisted club.

"Just like you all live on base, many of us (wing leadership) live here also," Brig. Gen. Robert Kehler, 21st SW commander, said in his opening remarks. "It's important that we all take an interest in what's going on around our home and neighborhood."

"I think you'll see here tonight we are also trying to make improvements around the base and make this an even better place to live."

Briefings ran the gamut from upcoming Services programs to summer safety concerns and available legal services.

The things that most interested base residents were upcoming construction plans and security around base housing.

"Starting in late June, we will be burying pipes to increase the storm water drainage system capacity from the housing area," said Lt. Col. William Valenti, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Commander. "We will also begin installing new concrete trash can pads, replacing or extending fences and adding sheds to various units, among other things."

Later this summer, the youth center will undergo a year-long renovation, which will

include the construction of an additional building. During the construction, the center will be closed and modular facilities will be used.

"We really tried to keep part of the building open during the construction," said Kehler. "But with the significance of the construction, and the planned changes to the existing building, it wasn't going to be safe."

Lt. Col. Mike Trapp, 21st Security Forces Squadron commander, said residents should begin to see members of the security forces bike patrol around their neighborhoods more often as the temperature warms.

"Their job is to interface with you and hear your concerns," he said. "All the members of the patrol participate in the program in their off time, so they really encourage folks to stop and talk with them as they are patrolling the streets around your house."

Over the next few months, the base is going to be busy with visitors and new construction.

"There is going to be a lot going on," Kehler said. "We ask your patience as we make improvements around the base and as we conduct exercises in preparation for our upcoming inspection in August."

Some questions during the meeting required additional research. As those answers become available, they will be published with the action line.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brian Hill

Planting for Earth Day

Col. Michael Selva, 21st Support Group commander, and Lt. Col. William Valenti, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron commander, plant a tree together with children from the Child Development and Youth centers April 20 in honor of Earth Day.

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'Ground breaking' news

Members of the base and local contractors break ground for a new Temporary Lodging Facility. Construction began this week and is scheduled for completion by April 2002. The new TLFs will be used to accommodate transient families PCSing in and out of the Peterson complex. From left to right are Bob Paige, 21st Services deputy director, Lt. Col. William Valenti, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Tamara Mackenthun, 21st Services Squadron commander, Nicole Positano, Pikes Peak Lodge General Manager, Brian Keys, Project designer and Schauer, Project contractor.

Hanging out with the 5th CMAF



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gaylor, fifth chief master sergeant of the Air Force, meets with members of the 21st Security Forces Squadron during a visit April 18. Gaylor spoke with the troops about his days as a security forces member and commended them for the job they perform in keeping the base safe.

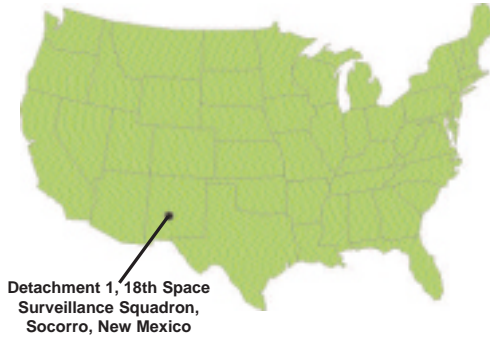


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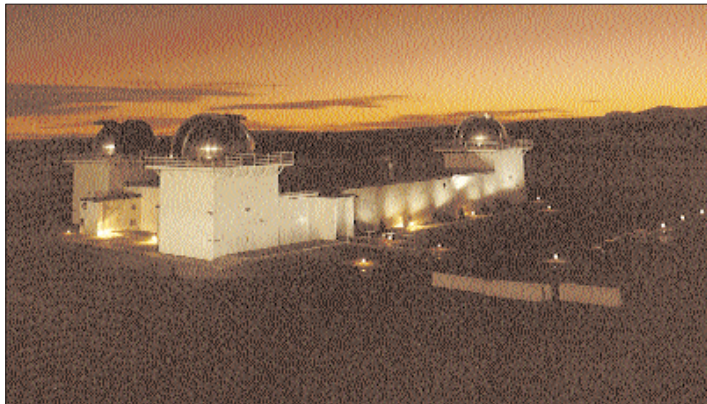


Small unit, big mission

Det. 1, 18th SPSS, Socorro, N.M.



Detachment 1, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron, Socorro, New Mexico



Courtesy photo

The Detachment 1, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron, located at Socorro, N.M., operates Ground-Based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance system, detecting, tracking and identifying space objects. Det. 1 is a geographically separated unit of the 21st Space Wing.

By Master Sgt. John Moore
Detachment 1, 18th SPSS chief

You may have never heard of Detachment 1, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron, located about as far away from an Air Force base as you can get.

Much like its sister sites -- Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, Maui (you probably know where that is), and Moron, Spain -- Det. 1 is far from its squadron and wing headquarters. The detachment is located in the northwest corner of the U.S. Army's White Sands Missile Range, approximately 30 miles southeast of Socorro, N.M. This location was chosen

for its near perfect weather year-round and almost absolute darkness on moonless nights. Because the site is an optical sensor, mission operations are limited to relatively clear sky conditions at night.

Det. 1 was the first operational site in the Ground-Based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance system. Its mission is to detect, track, and identify space objects within its area of coverage. The system is capa-

ble of tracking deep space objects as small as a soccer ball, in orbits from 3,000 to 20,000 miles away. Observation data is provided to the Space Control Center at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.

Socorro uses two powerful telescopes and plans to add a third at the end of this year. The unit has also been the sounding board for new innovations in optical surveillance. This year, a new infrared cloud imaging system called the Infra-Red Cloud Monitor was brought to Det. 1 through the Space Battle Lab. The detachment was chosen to observe the capabilities of the system and report its potential use. The experiment was a success and the system will be accepted and implemented throughout the GEODSS system in the near future.

Det. 1 has been around since before Air Force Space Command and began as Detachment 1, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division, Strategic Air Command in April 1981. Since then, the unit has changed hands several times and finally became part of the 1st Space Wing, Air Force Space Command, May 1, 1983. Both the detachment and its parent squadron were reassigned to the 21st Space Wing from the 73rd Space Group May 15, 1992, when the 21st SW assumed responsibility for all space surveillance units.

The site is operated and maintained by 19 contract workers. The one military member assigned to the unit is responsible for ensuring the mission is accomplished and the contractor's work performance is satisfactory. The current contractor is Litton PRC, Inc, which has held the contract since October 1983.

Carnival celebrates children

By Senior Airman Melanie Epperson
21st SW Public Affairs

The Month of the Military Child, an agency program supported by the family support center, family advocacy, chapel, youth center, community activities center, legal office, military equal opportunity office, health and wellness center and life skills center, culminated with a carnival held at the youth center Saturday.

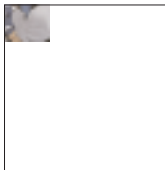
The carnival was the grand finale, wrapping up a month of youth programs. There was fun for all ages including games and prizes, a military working dog demonstration, fire truck demonstrations, egg hunts and food.

During the month of April, programs were set up to foster the relationship between parents, children and the community. Other events included Bundles for Babies, story time, Teddy Bears' Picnic and a fashion show. The children's artwork was also displayed at the CDC to showcase their skills.



Jonny Steinger receives his balloon animal from magic man Bruce Black as his brothers David and Stephen look on.

Rachel Kooistra wants a flower and a ladybug on her cheek, and Brian Smith is happy to oblige.



Concentrating on the task at hand, Alex Segarra chooses just the right colors to paint his hand-made hat. He also had feathers, flowers and glitter at his disposal. There were many opportunities for children to express themselves creatively and artistically at this year's carnival.



Photos by Senior Airman Melanie Epperson

David Steinger tries to knock a cone over with the water's blast from a fire hose using Senior Airman Reid Lohse, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, for support against the hose's pressure. The firefighting demonstrations were a big hit with carnival-goers.



Above: David Sandoval picks off the top bottle with his expert aim. During his attempt, cries of "Knock 'em down!" and "Aim for the bottom!" could be heard throughout the crowd. Right: Andrew Bennett tries his luck at the duck pond. If he picks up a duck with a sticker on the bottom, he wins a prize.



Dressing up in a fire suit and putting out a real fire is no problem for Sergio Ortiz, although Airman Logan Rodgers, 21st CES, did help a little.

New Items

MAGIC SHOW: The 4th Annual Colorado Springs Stars of Magic Show will be Friday, May 4, 7 p.m. at the PAFB auditorium. The magical extravaganza features 11 of Colorado Springs' top professional magicians performing on stage and additional magicians performing in the audience before the show and during intermission. Pre-show entertainment begins at 6 p.m. with strolling magicians from the Pikes Peak Prestidigitators Assembly 170 and Society of Young Magicians Assembly 103 entertaining the audience. A prize drawing will be held during intermission. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12. Advance tickets will be available until May 4 at the booth in front of the Peterson base exchange, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door, but early purchase is encouraged to ensure a seat.



PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE LODGING FURNITURE SALE: The PAFB lodging facility is getting new furniture. All active-duty military, DoD civilians, retirees and military family members are eligible to buy the used furniture (limit three of each item per family). Sample living room and bedroom sets will be on display Wednesday and Thursday and available for purchase, while supplies last, May 4 and 5, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the lodging facility located on the corner of Stewart Avenue and Mitchell Street. Items purchased must be removed the same day. No refunds or exchanges.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: The annual suicide prevention and violence in the workplace briefings are scheduled for May 14-18, 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the PAFB auditorium. The mandatory briefings will be conducted by Life Skills Center personnel.

PETERSON OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB: The POWC board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at the officers' club party room.

NCO INDUCTION CEREMONY: Team Peterson's fourth induction ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., at the enlisted club to celebrate the promotions taking place in May. Cake and punch will be served following the ceremony.

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: Enlisted and officers' club members can receive a free continental breakfast every Monday in May. For club membership information, call the enlisted club or the officers' club.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Peterson AFB will observe the National Day of Prayer Thursday, 12:15 p.m., at the base chapel. The theme this year is "One Nation Under God," and the guest speaker will be Rev. Benjamin L.



Miscellaneous

STUDY GUIDE MATERIALS: Commercial study guide software is no longer allowed on government computers for any reason and must be removed. Any waivers granted in the past are rescinded. Also, commercial study guides may not be purchased with government funds. If you have any questions, contact the test management section, Air Force Personnel Center, at DSN 665-2265.

CLEP/DANTES STUDY MATERIAL: The Peterson Air Force Base library has multiple copies of the latest study guides for CLEP and Dantes tests offered at the base education center. The books have a three-week checkout limit and the videos have a one week limit. Renewal of CLEP and Dantes materials is not allowed. A copy of each study guide is also available in the reference section.

MUSEUM CLOSURES: Access to the static display planes near the Peterson museum is closed until May 15. The area is considered a hard hat area until then. The museum will close Monday until May 15 for work that requires the removal of exhibits.

ECAMP: The annual Peterson AFB Environmental Compliance and Assessment Management Program inspection will be Monday-Friday. The purpose of this inspection is to identify areas of environmental non-compliance and to achieve increased environmental awareness. Contact 2nd Lt. Jeff Barber at 556-1459 for more information or to schedule a meeting. Information can also be found on the environmental flight Web page at Pete Central under unit pages.

Family Support Center 556-6141

CLASSES: Classes are conducted in the family support center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Building 350, Room 1016 (unless otherwise specified). Registration is required for all classes. To register, call or stop by the center.

SMOOTH MOVE SUMMARY: A summary of useful information and handouts from relocation agencies are provided in this class scheduled for May 9, 9-9:30 a.m. It is intended to provide information for spouses who did not attend the one-stop outprocessing briefing.



APPLYING FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN SERVICE: A representative from the civilian personnel office will provide tips on how to correctly fill out resumes for civil service jobs May 9, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING: Weekly sponsorship classes are held Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 a.m. Classes cover sponsor responsibilities, relocation resources and the effect sponsorship has on the mission. Training is required for sponsors.

JOB ORIENTATION: A job orientation class is scheduled for Thursday and May 10, 24 and 31, 1-2:30 p.m. This class gives a brief overview of information on the local job market and how the family support center can help with job searching.

GOING OVERSEAS: Information on travel, phones, currency and voltage requirements are just a few of the subjects that will be addressed in this class scheduled for May 9, 8-9 a.m. This program helps families deal with a new language, customs, and lifestyle when preparing to move to a foreign country.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: To review a list of volunteer opportunities from District 11 schools, contact Larry Land at 556-9268.

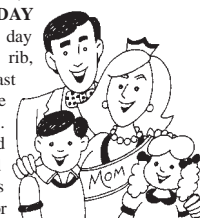
Family Advocacy 556-8943

COMMON SENSE PARENTING: This five-session workshop is scheduled to begin Wednesday at the base chapel with the other sessions scheduled for May 9, 16, 23 and 30. The workshop offers skills-based training in raising kids and building families.

Officers' Club 556-4181

MONGOLIAN BARBEQUE: Mongolian barbeque will be served Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., with a minimum plate charge of \$4.95.

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET: A mother's day buffet featuring prime rib, poached salmon, breakfast items and much more will be served May 13. Seating times are 10 and 11 a.m. and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Reservations only. Call 574-4100 for reservations.



Enlisted Club 556-4194

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET: A Mother's Day buffet featuring roast beef, baked cod, breakfast items and much more will be served May 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mothers receive a \$2 discount. Reservations required. Call the enlisted club to make reservations.

Civilian Personnel Flight 556-4775

VOLUNTARY LEAVE TRANSFER PROGRAM: Civilian annual leave donations are needed for Ruth A. Parker, 305th Comptroller Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. She is recovering from major surgery and is in need of an indefinite number of hours of donated leave.

Leave donations are also needed for Larry Maxwell, 1110th United States Army Signal Battalion, Fort Detrick, Md. He has exhausted his leave and is in Texas caring for his wife, who had surgery and has had complications which make it necessary for him to stay longer.

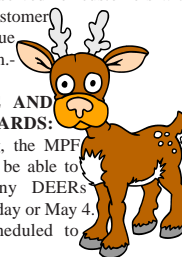
If anyone would like to donate leave to Parker or Maxwell, please call Theresa Dickson, Civilian Personnel Flight Workforce Effectiveness, at 556-9231 or e-mail Theresa.Dickson@peterson.af.mil.

Military Personnel Flight 556-7377

ATTENTION ALL CMSGTS: The Air Force Personnel Center Chief's Group needs volunteers for the command chief master sergeant positions for the 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M., reporting no later than Sept. 30; Headquarters 11th Wing, Bolling AFB, D.C., reporting no later than June 30; 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Korea, reporting no later than July 31. Contact the MPF customer service section and ask for bulletins 10, 11 and 12 for additional information.

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION: Effective May 1, walk-in hours for all work centers other than customer service (promotions, evaluations, separations, etc.) will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The hours from 8-10 a.m. will be reserved for customers with appointments only. The customer service counter will continue to remain open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

DEERS SERVICE AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Due to office remodeling, the MPF customer service will not be able to produce ID cards or any DEERS inquiries or updates Thursday or May 4. Normal services are scheduled to resume on May 7.



Lunchtime volleyball league champions crowned

Below: Members of the Air Force Space Command intramural volleyball team pose for a photo after winning the Tuesday-Thursday lunchtime competitive league championship. Front row, left to right, are D.T. Thompson, Kathy Roberts, Kawika Castro and Martin Cunningham. Back row, left to right, are Mike Caylor, Rusty Lorenz, Dave Mackey and Spiker Bragado. Not pictured are Dan Jones, Judy Peer, Mike Huntingford and Dave Kunkel.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp



Above: Members of the 76th Space Control Squadron intramural volleyball team gather for a photo after winning the Monday-Wednesday afternoon recreation league championship. Front row, left to right, are Bob Gess, Gina Murray, Tara Dinsmore and Lance Harvey. Back row, left to right, are Gunner Williams, Dan Williams, Rick Bancher and Dave Brown.



Dan Williams, 76th SPCS, goes for the block against the 21st CS during the second game of the championship match.

Sports**Shorts****Dodgeball tournament**

There will be a Peterson Air Force Base dodgeball tournament today. Play will start at 11 a.m. and there is a \$1 entry fee. Call Senior Airman Bonnie Miller or Chris Hicks at 556-1515 for more information.

Volleyball tournament

A volleyball tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 per team. Call Senior Airman Bonnie Miller or Chris Hicks at 556-1515 for more information.

May Fitness Month opening ceremony

The opening ceremony for May Fitness Month will be held Tuesday, 11:30-11:45 a.m. in gym one. The USA Men's Olympic Volleyball Team will sign autographs before the ceremony, and play after the ceremony until 2 p.m.

Squadron tug-of-war and relay race

The squadron tug-of-war and relay race is scheduled for Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 556-1515 for more information.

One-pitch softball tournament

There will be a one-pitch softball tournament Thursday and May 4, 5-8 p.m. at Patriot Park. Call 556-1515 for more information.

Softball tournament

A softball tournament sponsored by the 50th Security Forces Squadron scheduled for June 2-3, at the Peterson Air Force Base softball fields. There is an entry fee of \$125 per team. Only squadron teams are eligible to enter. Trophies will be awarded for the top three teams. Teams need to register by May 20. Call Staff

Sgt. Brian James at 567-5628 or Staff Sgt. Cyrus Ford at 567-2175 to register and for more information.

Federal Cup 5K race

The 18th annual Federal Cup five-kilometer race for runners and racewalkers is May 19, 8:15 a.m., at the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colo. The race also features a 1K fun run for children as well as refreshments, medals and trophies for winning individuals and teams, and a prize drawing for all 5K participants. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for \$7 on a first-come, first-served basis. Team categories include men, women, co-ed, masters and seniors. The pre-registration entry fee is \$5 (\$10 on race day). More specific Federal Cup information, including race entry forms and past race results, are available at the Federal Cup home page at: <http://fedcup.homestead.com>.

Bowling center

During April, the Month of the Military Child, children of active-duty military members can bowl up to three free games when they bowl with their parents. This offer is good throughout April and is valid only when parents bowl with their children.

Weekend Bash softball tournament

The 13th Annual "Weekend Bash" Softball Tournament will be June 23-24 in Tucson, Ariz. The top four teams will receive awards. The tournament champions will have their choice of new gloves or bats. For more information, contact Greg Manning at (520) 228-5478, DSN 228-5478.

Sports

Cubbies invade Cheyenne Mountain



Courtesy photo

Brig. Gen. Mike Gould, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center commander, poses for a photo with members of the Chicago Cubs baseball team. The players visited CMOC Monday, touring the command center, space control center and the industrial area. The tour gave the visitors an overview of the CMOC mission and how that mission affects them. "They really enjoyed their visit," said Capt. David Johnson, CMOC public affairs officer. "With their busy schedule, the teams rarely get the opportunity to do this type of thing." From left to right are Courtney Duncan, Kerry Wood, Brig. Gen. Mike Gould, Todd Van Popple, Kyle Farnsworth, Mike Fyhrie and Kevin Tapani.